2014 Food Security Summit
“Hungry for Change: New Thinking and Emerging Themes in our Work to End Hunger”

Summit Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

8:00 – 9:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast – Alumni Center Foyer
Networking opportunity – Visit with participating organizations at their tables in south hallway.

Power of Ideas – Morning Session
Alumni Center Ballroom

9:00 – 9:15 am
Welcome/Brief Remarks –
Patti Whitney Wise, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon/Oregon Hunger Task Force

9:15 – 10:15 am
The Health Impact of Hunger – What contributes to your health status? What are the social determinants of health as it relates to hunger? Speakers will discuss the health impacts of hunger as they relate to older adult hunger and nutrition, focusing on malnutrition through the different stages of life and the health and hunger challenges in the Latino community.
Moderator: Karen Edmonds, Food For Lane County
Speakers: Latricia Tillman, Office of Equity and Inclusion at Oregon Health Authority;
Joan Smith, Meals on Wheels; Lise Colgan, Community Sharing

10:15 – 11:15 am
The Economic Impacts of Hunger on Farmworkers, Producers, and their Families –
Here is an opportunity to better understand the state of Oregon’s farmworkers, illustrating living, working, and health conditions. What are the challenges of sustainable farming practices, especially around labor, and the ability for farmworkers’ families to build food security and community.
Moderator: Karen Ayers, Oregon Child Development Coalition
Speakers: Elanor O’Brien, Persephone Farm; Ramon Ramirez, Pineros v Campesinos Unidos de Noroeste (PCUN); Gabriela Diaz, Oregon Child Development Coalition – Migrant Seasonal and Early Head Start Program.
11:15 – 12:15  
**Food as a Human Right** – This session explores the scope of the anti-hunger movement in Oregon and the paradigm shift that might happen if Oregonians took into account ownership of the production, processing and retailing of the food we eat. This session introduces us to the global movement to achieve food sovereignty and food as a human right. The concept of sovereignty includes the political dimensions of food, and suggests that additional complex problems face our state beyond only hunger reduction, raising questions of community, power, rights, and justice.

*Moderator: Mark Edwards, OSU School of Public Policy*  
*Speakers: Joan Gross, OSU School of Anthropology; Andy Fisher, Founder of the Community Food System Coalition and author of upcoming book, *Hunger, Inc.*; Rev. Mark Knutson, Augustana Lutheran Church and Northwest Health Foundation Trustee.*

12:15 – 1:00 pm – **Buffet Lunch** – *Alumni Center Foyer*

1:00 – 1:20 pm – **Lunchtime Presentation** – *Alumni Center Ballroom*  
**How Stress and Environment Impact Health**  
*Brief remarks and Introduction: Susannah Morgan, Oregon Food Bank*  
*Speaker: Nichole Maher, Northwest Health Foundation*

1:20 – 2:00 pm – **Networking opportunity** – Visit organizations’ tables.

*(Afternoon program continued on next page)*
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Afternoon Breakout Sessions

2:00 – 3:30 pm – Six sessions offered – Presentations followed by open discussions.

**Preventing Child Hunger Together – Alumni Center, Room 115A–115B**
When children are well nourished they have a better shot at growing up healthy, happy and with the tools they need to achieve their dreams. In this session you’ll learn about the impact of child hunger in Oregon and the creative solutions at play in communities across the state. Come hear about opportunities to prevent children from experiencing hunger and leave with concrete actions you can take to make a difference. **Conveners:** Annie Kirschner, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon; Aly Meyer, Child Hunger Program Coordinator, Oregon Food Bank; Karen Roth, Food for Lane County.

**Hidden in Plain Sight – Exploring Older Adult Hunger and Solutions – Alumni Center, Room 111A–111B**
Did you know that Oregon is one of the top five hungriest states for people 50 and older? Join a roundtable discussion on older adult hunger to learn about current research on older adult hunger, issues around SNAP and older adults, and the current efforts underway to address this often hidden challenge. Bring your ideas, share best practices, and connect with others. Help identify gaps in current services and develop action steps to make a difference in the lives of older adults. **Conveners:** Bandana Shrestha, AARP; Katie Furia, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon; Marianne Ryder, AARP; Kate Benedict, Oregon Food Bank.

**Growing Oregon’s Food System – Ag Production Room; LaSells–Stewart Center**
OSU and Oregon Food Bank are working to grow a food system that serves all Oregonians and their communities. This session will highlight the work that both organizations are doing to grow healthy and resilient community food systems that will yield successful small farms and strong local food economies. It will include lessons learned, plans for the future and ideas for advocacy. **Conveners:** Sharon Thornberry, Oregon Food Bank; Spencer Masterson, Oregon Food Bank; Lauren Gwin, OSU Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems.
Emerging Agriculture Trends – Alumni Center, Room 114
This session will highlight the updated Community Food System Indicators Report developed for Meyer Memorial Trust by Matthew Buck. Find out where your county ranks for food security and engage in a discussion with the panel about what the indicators mean for food security and agriculture in Oregon. Conveners: Tracy Gagnon, Oregon Food Bank; Matthew Buck, Food Systems Consultant; Garry Stephenson, OSU Center for Small Farms and Community Food Systems.

Social and Legal Issues Impacting Latinos – Centro Cultural César Chávez
Who is the hidden face of hunger in Oregon? In this session, you will learn about the struggles Oregon’s immigrants are facing to put food in their tables and of others because they don’t have driving privileges. What is CAUSA and PCUN doing about this? Come find out. Conveners: Jaime Arredondo, Pineros v Campesinos Unidos de Noroeste, (PCUN); Andrea Miller, CAUSA, Oregon’s Immigration Rights Organization.

Leading the Change: 2015 State policy Priorities to Address Hunger and Family Stability
Ag Leaders Room; LaSells–Stewart Center
We can help end hunger in Oregon by providing strong pathways out of hunger and poverty for families, including an adequate safety net to stabilize them as they move up the job ladder. Participants will explore emerging opportunities for significant changes in the 2015 state legislative session and leave with concrete ways to make a difference. Conveners: Patti Whitney Wise, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon/Oregon Hunger Task Force; Phillip Kennedy–Wong, Oregon Food Bank; Peter Lawson, Regional Food Bank Network Advocacy Committee.

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm – Afternoon Break, Refreshments Provided in Alumni Center Foyer.

3:45 pm to 4:30 pm – Final Session – Alumni Center Ballroom
Moderator: Mark Edwards, OSU School of Public Policy
Join our final session where we will encourage participants to share their planned tangible actions that will make a difference. Newcomers to the movement will have an opportunity to meet seasoned anti–hunger leaders. We will all challenge each other (students, recent graduates, other community members and seasoned anti–hunger leaders) to leverage our education, vocation, and community service to reduce hunger. Take advantage of this last session of the Summit to connect with the conference speakers, organization representatives, and new and old friends of the movement.
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Summit Speakers

The Health Impact of Hunger

Latricia Tillman, MPH Office of Equity and Inclusion at Oregon Health Authority.
Ms. Tillman’s goals throughout her career have been to promote a highly qualified, diverse workforce, to engage communities experiencing disparities in promoting health and well-being, and to reduce social inequities. She has worked over the last 22 years to improve the health of culturally diverse communities in Arizona, Massachusetts, and Oregon.

Under Ms. Tillman’s leadership since 2009, the Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has increased state funding for culturally specific community organizations to promote health and well-being, created opportunities for highly qualified and diverse health professionals to serve in policy leadership roles, and created and implemented policies that promote equity and civil rights in health and human services. She continues to work with OHA leadership to ensure that health equity and culturally and linguistically appropriate service standards are a strong part of Oregon’s health reform and to advance the integration of health care interpreters, community health workers, doulas and other “traditional health workers” in the integrated health team. tricia.tillman@state.or.us

Joan Smith, Meals on Wheels.
Ms. Smith has been with the nonprofit organization for more than 30 years. She has served as a center manager, regional manager, director of center operations and deputy director. Joan brings a wealth of experience and expertise on a broad range of senior issues. Well known among her peers as “the” expert on the subject of senior wellness, Joan has served as president of the Oregon Nutrition Program Directors Association and on the Board of Directors for two national senior meal programs. She was featured on the cover of the April 2010 edition of Profile, a national magazine that highlights the best business practices of American industry leaders and organizations. joan.smith@mealsonwheelspeople.org
Lise Colgan, Community Sharing.
Ms. Colgan has been the Latino Family Advocate at Community Sharing Program in Cottage Grove, Oregon for six years. She provides a variety of services to a Spanish-speaking clientele of more than 600 families in the southern Lane County region, and was responsible for initiating the agency’s one-of-a-kind “Latino food box project.” She hopes that her work will lead to similar healthy, culturally-appropriate food programs around the state!  lise@communitysharing.org

The Economic Impacts of Hunger on Farmworkers, Producers, and their Families

Elanor O'Brien, Persephone Farm.
Ms. O'Brien left her native New York in search of the Good Life, and found it at Persephone Farm, where she and partner Jeff Falen grow fourteen acres of certified organic, fresh market vegetables, 250 pastured laying hens, and a few strawberries. Persephone Farm sells at four farmers' markets a week and also supplies several restaurants and wholesaler Organically Grown Company in Eugene.  persephonefarm@earthlink.net

Ramon Ramirez, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos de Noroeste, (PCUN).
Mr. Ramirez was born and raised in East Los Angeles. Growing up, he saw and experienced the discrimination, fear, exploitation, and repression that dominated his family's and friends' daily lives. Inspired by the work of César Chávez and Dolores Huerta, he went on to co-found PCUN in 1985 and has been PCUN President since 1995. Ramon has received numerous recognitions, including a Leadership for a Changing World award in 2003, and a Charles F. Bannerman Fellowship in 2000. He co-founded CAUSA, Oregon's immigrant rights coalition, in 1996 and has served as one of its principal leaders. Ramon serves on the boards of Farmworker Justice, the Alston–Bannerman Fellowship Program of the Center for Social Inclusion, and the UFW Foundation.  ramonramirez@pcun.org
Gabriela Diaz
Oregon Child Development Coalition– Migrant Seasonal and Early Head Start Program.
Ms. Diaz moved from Michoacán, Mexico at the age of 15. She originally moved to California to work in the grape, olives and nuts fields and orchards. Gabriela moved to Oregon in 2008. She and her husband worked in Jefferson County in the garlic, carrot, and alfalfa fields in the area. She joined the OCDC program in 2009 and in 2010 and was elected by the parents in her county to serve on the OCDC State Policy Council. Currently she is the President of the OCDC MSHS State Policy Council. In 2011 Gabriela enroll in the community college in Madras OR, taking English Classes and working to obtain her GED.

She has held a position in the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association Parent Affiliate program for the last 2 years. Her goal is to finish her GED and enroll in the Child Development Associate program from OCDC and to continue her education in the field of Early Childhood Education. gmadras22@hotmail.com

Food as a Human Right

Joan Gross, OSU Department of Anthropology.
Professor Gross teaches anthropology at Oregon State University. She researches rural poverty and food insecurity in Oregon and Ecuador, looking at systems that create these undesirable “products” and at everyday practices that create healthy people and community. jgross@oregonstate.edu

Andy Fisher
Mr. Fisher co-founded and ran the Community Food Security Coalition for 17 years, and was instrumental in developing and disseminating the concept of community food security as a tool for building the food movement. He is currently writing a book, entitled Hunger Inc., exposing the ways in which corporate America benefits from anti-hunger work. andyfisher.pdx@gmail.com

Rev. Mark Knutson,
Augustana Lutheran Church and Northwest Health Foundation Trustee.
Reverend Knutson has been Pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland since December 1995. Augustana is a growing multicultural, multinational congregation in the heart of the city, serving as home to several non-profits: Community Alliance of Tenants, Familias en Acción, Irvington Cooperative Preschool, Well Arts Institute, and Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. Mark currently serves as Chair of the Northwest Health Foundation Board, and is past Chair of the Board of Ecumenical
Ministries of Oregon and of Familias in Acción. He is on the Steering Committee for the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform. He was one of three statewide petitioners for the Freedom to Marry Ballot Initiative, and is an American Leadership Forum Senior Fellow.

Rev. Knutson was named Ecumenist of the Year in 2009 by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Distinguished Pastor by his seminary in 2009; and one of the 50 Most Influential Portlanders by Portland Magazine in 2012. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has a M. Div from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. Mark is married to Tamrah and they have a son, Brandon, who recently graduated from USC and is working in Los Angeles. mark@augustana.org

How Stress and Environment Impact Health

Nichole Maher, Northwest Health Foundation.
Ms. Maher joined Northwest Health Foundation as President and CEO in August 2012. Previously, she served as the executive director of the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) in Portland, Oregon for more than 11 years.

Nichole holds a masters in public health from the Mark Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University and two bachelors of science, one in public health and one in American Indian studies from Oregon State University. In 1999, she completed a fellowship at Harvard Medical School, as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Minority Medical Education Program at Yale Medical School in 1998. She has received numerous leadership and industry honors, including Oregon’s 50 most powerful people, Portland Business Journal’s top 40 under 40, Portland Monthly Magazine’s 50 Most Influential Portlanders and Oregon Woman of Distinction.

Born in Ketchikan, Alaska, Nichole attended school on the Siletz Indian Reservation in Oregon and is a member of the Tlingit Tribe of Southeast Alaska. She is a proud mother of three young children.
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